

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

Dear Sir(s) or Madam(s)

I want to let you know of my support of the EchoStar and DirectTV merger.

One of the reasons I am behind this is because of where I live. Here in Rock Springs, Wyoming there are not many choices of High Speed Internet access, let alone cable TV.

DSL and Broadband Internet are available, but there are drawbacks. DSL is only available if you live within three miles of the main office, which pretty much takes out most of the city. They do state that you can get it, but you have to have the phone company remove load coils that are on the phone lines, that according to the company, creates too much noise and DSL will not work. At \$500.00 per load coil, and not knowing how many you have between your house and the main office, can become very expensive. Broadband is available to all houses in the city, but if you do not have the cable companies local TV (there is only one company to choose from), they will not install the Broadband. I got rid of the local cable due to its terrible reception and their high prices for Digital Service, and I do not want to go back.

Ever since I got setup with Dish Network I have been very happy with the service and quality of reception. With the Dish Network and DirectTV merger I can only see good things to come.

I do understand that you have to review any and all mergers and that you will make a very informed decision. I do thank you for reading this and that you do consider the merger between these two companies.

Sincerely,

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